

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Hammer, et al.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 14, 2008, this Amendment and Response is submitted. No additional fees are believed to be required as this Amendment and Response is being filed within two months of the date of the Final Office Action. Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this submission;

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this submission; and

A **Conclusion** begins on page 9 of this submission.